FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ELECTRICIANS & PLUMBERS

ELECTRICIANS

Q: What are the requirements for licensure?

A: 1) Provide verification of the following:

Type of License	<u>License</u> <u>Type Code</u>	Hours / Years Required
Journey Worker Electrician	EJ	5 years but not less than 10,000 hours of all aspect of electrical wiring work, primarily involved in residential and commercial wiring.
Supervising Electrician	ES	4 years experience as a licensed journey worker electrician or equivalent.
Journey Worker Industrial Electrician	ı EJI	5 years but not less than 10,000 hours of industrial wiring work.
Supervising Industrial Electrician	ESI	*4 years experience as a licensed journey worker industrial electrician or equivalent.
Journey Worker Specialty Electrician	EJS	5 years of specialty wiring work.
Supervising Specialty Electrician	ESS	4 years experience as a licensed journey worker specialty electrician or equivalent.
Maintenance Electrician	EM	1 year electrical maintenance wiring work or two years electrical trade schooling.

2) Pass the Board's examination.

Q: How are applications obtained?

A: You may:

- 1) Download the application at www.hawaii.gov/dcca/pvl
- 2) Call (808) 586-3000 to request an application; or
- 3) Submit a written request to: Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs

Professional & Vocational Licensing Branch

P.O. Box 3469 Honolulu, HI 96801

Q: What are the fees involved in obtaining and maintaining licensure?

A: Application Fee: \$40.00

Examination Fee: \$85.00

License Fee: \$225.00 if licensed between July 1 and June 30 of the 1st year of

the triennium (2005, 2008, 2011);

\$150 if licensed between July 1 and June 30 of the 2nd year of

the triennium (2006, 2009, 2012);

\$75.00 if licensed between July 1 and June 30 of the 3rd year of

the triennium (2007, 2010, 2013).

Renewal Fee: \$225.00

Q: What electrical code is being used in the current electricians' examinations?

A: The 2002 National Electrical Code ("NEC").

Q: When do licensed electricians renew their licenses?

A: Licensed electricians are required to renew their licenses on or before June 30 every three years: 2005, 2008, 2011 etc.

Q: Are electricians required to meet continued competency requirements to renew their licenses?

A: All licensed electricians except the maintenance electricians must meet continued competency requirements to renew their license.

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Q: What is required of electricians to show proof of completing the continued competency requirement?

A: The licensee shall submit (1) a copy of a certificate from the State's Community College system evidencing attendance at an update course of the "NEC" or (2) a copy of a score report from Experior Assessments verifying successful passage of the continued competency exam. *Note: For the 2005 renewal, the course or exam shall reflect updates to the 2002 National Electrical Code.*

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- Q: Does the Board accept any other National Electrical Code update course at another institute other than at any of the State's Community Colleges?
- A: No. Currently, the State's Community College system has not deemed any other update course equivalent to their own. Further inquiries regarding equivalency of courses should be directed to the Honolulu Community College.
- Q: If an electrician (other than a maintenance electrician) is newly licensed between 6/30/04 6/30/05 is that electrician licensee required to meet the continued competency requirement to renew the licensee's license?
- A: No, electricians licensed within one year of the renewal date are not required to submit proof of meeting the continued competency requirements.

PLUMBERS

Q: What are the requirements for licensure?

A: License

<u>Type of License</u> <u>Type Code</u> <u>Hours / Years Required</u>

hours of plumbing work in compliance with the Uniform

Plumbing Code (UPC).

Master Plumber PM2 years experience as a licensed

journey worker plumber or

equivalent.

Q: How are applications obtained?

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2) Call (808) 586-3000 to request an application; or

3) Submit a written request to: Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs

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Q: What are the fees involved in obtaining and maintaining licensure?

A: Application Fee: \$40.00

Examination Fee: \$80.00

License Fee: \$150.00 if licensed between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005;

\$75.00 if licensed between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006.

Renewal Fee: \$150

Effective July 1, 2006

License Fee: \$225.00 if licensed between July 1 and June 30 of the 1st year of

the triennium (2006, 2009, 2012);

\$150.00 if licensed between July 1 and June 30 of the 2nd year of

the triennium (2007, 2010, 2013);

\$75.00 if licensed between July 1 and June 30 of the 3rd year of

the triennium (2008, 2011, 2014).

Q: What plumbing code is being used in the current plumbers' examinations?

A: The 1997 Uniformed Plumbing Code ("UPC").

Q: When do licensed plumbers renew their licenses?

A: Licensed plumbers are required to renew their licenses on or before June 30 of every even-numbered year. Effective June 30, 2006, licensed plumber will be required to renew their licenses on or before June 30 every three years: 2009, 2012, 2015, etc.

Q: Are plumbers required to meet continued competency requirements to renew their licenses?

A: Prior to the June 30, 2009 renewal of the license, and prior to every license renewal thereafter, all licensed plumbers must meet continued competency requirements to renew their license.

Q: What is required of plumbers to show proof of completing the continued competency requirement?

A: The licensee shall submit (1) a copy of a certificate from the State's Community College system evidencing attendance at an update course of the "UPC" or (2) a copy of a score report from Experior Assessments verifying successful passage of the continued competency exam on the updates to the "UPC".

Q: Is the update course or examination currently available?

A: No. The course and the examination is in the process of being developed.

Q: If a plumber is newly licensed between June 30, 208 and June 30, 2009 is that plumber licensee required to meet the continued competency requirement to renew the licensee's license?

A: No. Plumbers licensed within one year of the renewal date are not required to submit proof of meeting the continued competency requirements.

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- Q: If an electrician or plumber licensee fails to restore a license w/in one year of the renewal date, will that licensee be made to reapply and retake the licensing examination?
- A: Yes. To avoid having to reapply retake the examination, it is highly recommended that you restore licensure within one year of the renewal date.
- Q: What agency has jurisdiction over permitting requirements and electrical or plumbing codes?
- A: The various County Building Departments.
- Q: Does Hawaii have reciprocal agreements with other states?
- A: No. All applicants must meet the same licensing and examination requirements.